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Letter dated 18 September 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward, enclosed herewith, a letter relative to the establishment of the "United States Bureau for Yugoslavia" in Budapest, which I have addressed to the President of the Security Council (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 114 (b), "Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms" and of the Security Council.

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On 15 August 2000 a "United States Bureau for Yugoslavia", headed by an Ambassador, began work in Budapest. The "Bureau" employs some 30 people of various professional profiles: members of the CIA, the National Security Council, the Pentagon, the United States Agency for International Development and other United States government agencies. According to United States officials, the "Bureau" is responsible for assisting the opposition in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its constituent Republic of Serbia, that is, in swinging the will of the people in the forthcoming elections. The officials said explicitly that that responsibility also included the establishment and funding of pro-United States and pro-NATO organizations in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, financing of opposition parties and the so-called independent media, management of United States intelligence agencies, direction of United States media reporting on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the coordination of United States operations in south-east Europe directed against its legitimate authorities and constitutional institutions.

The opening of the "United States Bureau for Yugoslavia" in Budapest is a glaring example of the pursuit of the policy of force and pressure and of gross interference in internal affairs of a sovereign country by the current United States administration. The "Bureau" is the nerve centre of a subversion and propaganda network that coordinates the activities of its outposts in Szeged, Timisoara, Sofia, Skopje, Tirana and Zagreb. It has been established for the purpose of continuing last year's unsuccessful aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, using subversion, espionage and other means, inadmissible in international relations. In doing so, it is grist to the mill of separatism and terrorism, aiding and abetting dangerous aspirations in the region in flagrant violation of the norms of international law.

The "Bureau" and its tasks are in direct contravention of the obligations of the United States under international law, the Charter of the United Nations, the Vienna conventions on diplomatic and consular relations and the United Nations Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations as well as other relevant international documents. The activities and goals of the "Bureau" constitute also a flagrant violation of General Assembly resolution 54/168 of 17 December 1999 regarding respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral process. In particular, they are contrary to paragraph 5 of the above resolution in which the General Assembly strongly appealed to all States to refrain from financing political parties or groups in other States and taking any other action that undermines their electoral processes.

The consent of the Government of Hungary to the opening of the "Bureau" and the use of Hungarian territory against a third country is unprecedented in international relations. Far from being in line with the principles of good-neighbourliness and respect for the principles of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which Hungary purports to maintain, it is

reminiscent of some other times, long gone by, when Hungary, a pawn of extraneous factors and guided by different motivations, served as a centre of subversion and pressure against Yugoslavia.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia lodges the strongest protest at the illegal activities of the United States of America from the territory of the Republic of Hungary and the territories of other countries, aimed at overt interference in the internal affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, destabilization of the country and the violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expects the Security Council to strongly condemn this behaviour and to call on the current United States administration to respect the Charter of the United Nations, United States international obligations and the norms of international law.

(*Signed*) Vladislav **Jovanovic**
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